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1. The return movement of the units practicing in the Wiesenburg-Belzig area began on 15 October. Ammunition was continuously transported to the Wiesenburg and Belzig railroad stations by motor vehicles of the 8th Guards Army. Field kitchens, radio trucks, and tank trucks were observed at both stations. [REDACTED]

2. Troop trains listed in the records of the Berlin Railroad District Headquarters between 16 and 18 October included 21 trains from Wiesenburg and Belzig moving to stations of the 8th Guards Army, and five trains from Wiesenburg and Belzig moving to Dessau-Rosslau.

3. The following Volkspolizei shipments coming from Ohrdruf and moving toward Glauchau-Chemnitz were observed at the Gera railroad station:

- a. 18 September: Twenty boxcars, 12 flatcars with troops and 24 howitzers
- b. 18 September: One train with 600 to 800 men and three tanks
- c. 19 September: Thirty boxcars, six flatcars with troops, bridge equipment, and three assault boats
- d. 21 September: Twenty boxcars, 24 flatcars with about 500 men, billeting

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equipment, ten AT guns with limbers, five trucks, and one sedan

- c. 23 September: Fifty boxcars, nine gondola cars, nine flatcars with troops, billeting equipment, trucks, timber, and coal.¹

4. The following Volkspolizei shipments were observed at the Meerane (N 51/K 36) railroad station en route to Glauchau-Zwickau:

- a. 17 September: one train with troops and AA guns
b. 18 September: twenty-four boxcars, ten flatcars with troops and ten T-34 tanks
c. 19 September: thirty cars with troops and engineer equipment.¹

5. Between 11 and 15 September, three 60-axled trains passed through Chemnitz en route to Baerenstein. The trains were loaded with VP troops, T-34 tanks, and 35 and 85 mm AA guns.

6. Between 10 and 27 September, about 1800 VP troops were quartered in the cantonment of the Wismuth AG near the Niederschlag railroad station, south of Baerenstein. AT guns and 21 T-34 tanks were also observed there.¹

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Comment. The shipments mentioned in paragraph 4 are probably identical with the first three trains mentioned in paragraph 3. Previously, units of the MGB regiment from Annaberg were observed there.

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